

Many thanks to Gwen for stepping into the editor's shoes last week.

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Announcements

The Toronto FHC will be closed this Monday for Family Day, February 21, and will close at noon on Fridays, starting February 25th. Please call the FHC if the weather is bad and you are planning a visit - we may not be open.

Scottish Family History Workshop in Toronto – Saturday, June 18

The Toronto Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society will be co-hosting this day-long event with the Canadiana Department of the North York Central Library. Designed for experienced family historians, the workshop will feature presentations by Chris Paton from Ayrshire, Scotland, as well as Toronto Branch members James F.S. Thomson and Marian Press. Full program and registration details are now available on the Toronto Branch website at www.torontofamilyhistory.org. Register soon to take advantage of early-bird discounts. This workshop is filling up fast – act now to avoid disappointment.

What's New

Under a new partnership, patrons at English-speaking family history centers around the world now have access to the library edition of services from FamilySearch and Ancestry.com; the **FHC Portal** now includes Ancestry.com. At the **FHC Portal** website under the **Premium Subscriptions** button, patrons have full and free access to third-party genealogy sites at Family History Centres. These now include: 19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive, Alexander Street Press - The American Civil War, Ancestry.com, Find My Past, Footnote.com, The Genealogist, Genline FamilyFinder, Godfrey Memorial Library, Heritage Quest Online, Historic Map Works Library Edition, Paper Trail, and World Vital Records.

FamilySearch has added or updated name indexes for a number of large record sets: U.S. 1910 census; England & Wales 1891 census; England Births & Christenings, Deaths & Burials, and Marriages 1538-1970s; and Massachusetts Marriages 1841-1915.

FindMyPast added about 55,000 Lincolnshire marriage records from 1700 to 1837 for 139 parishes today and yesterday announced the addition of 50,000 Bank of England Will Extracts for the period 1717-1845. According to FindMyPast the will extracts cover a "wide social demographic, from servants to gentry, making it possible to find ancestors from a broad range of backgrounds" from every part of the British Isles.

The Forum

Questions:

Q1/07/2011. Riga, Latvia

I was searching the online birth records of some relatives in Riga, Latvia, from 1848. I found a record of a birth where the child's father's first and family names are given but only the mother's first name appears. Is there a reason for this or could this have been an oversight that her maiden name was left out?

Answers or Suggestions:

No ideas have been received from readers for any of the questions in the Bulletins of the previous two weeks. FHC volunteers may have more time for researching these questions in the coming week but, please, don't forget that you may have the answer someone else is looking for.

News From the Trenches

A reader writes: "After many years searching for ancestors mainly in England, and occasionally in Australia, my wife finally tracked a great great uncle of mine, who had emigrated to Australia in 1863, in a further emigration to New Zealand (which matched family lore). Today I received his death certificate, and was very impressed with the copious information it provided. In addition to the name, occupation, date, place, cause of death and "age", it told us when he was last seen alive by the certifying doctor, how long he had lived in New Zealand, the date and place of burial or cremation, the ages of his male and female children (though not their names), his parents' names (and mother maiden name), place of and age at marriage, wife with maiden name, and wife's age if still living. Wonderful."

Were You Aware...

Warrington Borough Council Burials

Julia Tallevi found this website of interest. "I thought I would let you know that I found burial information on the Warrington Borough Council site: <http://212.248.237.114/regeng.asp>. They give quite a bit of information on the site. If you go into the location on the right hand side of the name you will find who is also buried in the same grave or just click on the grave number when looking at the burial detail page.

Here is an example: John Massey buried October 4, 1906. He lived at 18 Shipyard, Bridge Street and died at the age of 53 years. He is buried with his wife, Charlotte Ann, and grandson, William Kenneth Rowson." Warrington is not far from Manchester.

Gravestone Photos

Nancy Young writes: "As you may not have discovered the following site, I thought I would pass along this link - <http://www.gravestonephotos.com/>. This site appears to be the kind of resource that will grow to the point that though there may not, as yet, be connections to the family histories on which you are working, this may change as the site becomes better known and used. I have many photographs to add to the Ontario, Canada collection as well as for Cawood, Yorkshire so that may be just one way I can contribute. The other is by telling other interested family historians." The Bulletin found a picture of a gravestone while doing research for one of the questions we receive.

DeceasedOnline

While we are on the subject of burials, don't forget to check out DeceasedOnline.com which has added or updated data for a few more burial or cremation authorities on its website. New additions/updates include the London Boroughs of Camden and Islington (St Pancras and Islington cemeteries), Aberdeen City Council and Broxbourne Borough Council. They are currently in the process of digitising 1.6 million records. This is a rapidly growing website to watch; records are free to search but details must be paid for.

Great Britain? England? What is the difference?

Diana Davies found this amusing but very helpful link which explains the difference between England, Great Britain and the United Kingdom and a whole lot more: <http://www.wimp.com/differencebetween/>. I thought that the Venn diagrams were terrific illustrations of a thorny problem.

British Columbia Directories and More

The February 16, 2011 edition of the Weekly Genealogist from the New England Historic Genealogical Society recommends the Vancouver Public Library online website if you have a genealogical interest in British Columbia. The Vancouver Public Library has a variety of online resources at <http://www.vpl.ca/find/> and these include British Columbia City Directories from 1860 to 1915, a collection of historical photographs, and a section for genealogical information, links, and guidance.

Films received in the 7 days ending 17 February 2011 and due for return on 17 March 2011.

Film Content	Film No
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Film Content	Film No
BEL LUX Attert RC PR 1688-1797	0619942
DEU Mecklenburg-Strelitz Prillwitz Weisdin Hohenzieritz PRs Var	0069792
Genealogy of the Tso Family of T'ung-ch'eng V.1-12	1087227
Various Family Genealogies	1036337

A patron wishing to view a film ordered by another should check first with staff. The ordering patron will always have priority. The description of the film given above may not be a full description but a search in the Family History Library Catalog will reveal the full content. The geographical abbreviations are Chapman codes.

Toronto Family History Centre Current Opening Hours.

(Always phone us if you do not have a booking to ensure that we are open.)

Monday 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Friday 9.30 a.m. to 4pm; closed at noon starting February 25th.

Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.

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For a copy of a searchable listing of all the films, fiche, CDs and books held at the Toronto Family History Centre in pdf format, go to the Toronto FHC Website at <http://torontofhc.blogspot.com/> and look for it under Resources.

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